

ACTION BY THE BOARD.

President Gallup Also Says East River Park Must Be Lighted.

He Will Offer a Resolution Providing for It To-Morrow.

No Excuse for This Breathing Place Being Kept in Darkness.

"East River Park must be lighted. There is no question about it, and the sooner it is attended to the better it will be."

It was President Gallup, of the Board of Park Commissioners, who said this to an EVENING WORLD reporter who called upon him this morning.

President Gallup's colleagues, Commissioners Hutchins and Borden, have already expressed very decided views in favor of lighting the park, and now that the President himself has come out so strongly, there is no doubt that the end for which THE EVENING WORLD has been so earnestly striving will soon be accomplished.

"I think THE EVENING WORLD deserves a great deal of credit for bringing this matter to the attention of the public," continued President Gallup, "for if there has been any failure on the part of the city to keep the parks properly lighted it ought to be known."

"I want every park to be lighted and kept open in the evening, especially those which are used by the poor people as popular resorts, and I have learned that East River Park is one of these."

"The Park Commissioners have no power to lit the park themselves, but they can require the Gas Commission to attend to the matter by formally calling their attention to it, and I propose to do so at the very earliest opportunity."

"There will be a meeting of the Board to-morrow, and I will make a personal matter of this and bring it up in the form of a resolution."

President Gallup then called for his stenographer and dictated the following in the presence of the other commissioners:

"Resolved, That the Gas Commission be requested to provide East River Park with proper lights, and that the Superintendent of Parks be instructed to select suitable places for lamps and report the same to this Board."

"I will offer this resolution in the Board meeting to-morrow, and I will call the attention of the Board to the fact that the notification will be sent at once to the Gas Commission."

"I was very much pleased with the way THE EVENING WORLD worked to secure the lighting of Stuyvesant Park. I was out of town at the time, but I read all about it in the papers and made a note of the matter, intending to push it forward myself when I returned to the city."

"I got back a week ago Saturday, the very day when the park was lighted up, and reopened in the evening, so there was nothing left for me to do."

"In regard to this matter, I do not think there will be any difficulty in inducing the Gas Commission to furnish the necessary lamps at once. Of course, I suppose they will put in electric lights, for I do not think it is probable that in the parks, as they are injurious to the trees and shrubbery."

"The office of the Gas Commission it was learned that there would probably be a meeting of the Board some time during the latter part of the week to consider the matter, and to vote on the contracts for the remaining street lamps."

"If the notice of the Park Department is received in time it will be acted upon at that meeting."

Supt. McCormick, however, is afraid that there may be some difficulty in putting in electric lights, because of the smallness of the appropriation for the present year.

"There will be a deficit," he said, "if we only light the lamps which were running last year, and if we put lamps in East River Park we will have to cut out some in other parts of the city."

"The Evening World has already shown, the erection of two or three lamps in the park will be all that is needed to tide over the present difficulty, and the expense of maintaining these would be trifling."

What has been most complained of is a dangerous flight of loose steps that lead from the top of the hill in the park down to the plaza fronting on the East River.

At the present time this is entirely unlighted, the light from the hill in the park on Avenue B being entirely shut off by the dense foliage of the trees which overhang the entrance to the stairway.

As a result, it is a very dangerous place on a dark night, a misstep being likely to cause a serious accident, while surrounding gloom offers a convenient retreat for loungers and hoodlums of the worst stamp.

There are one or two other places in the park which are equally dangerous by reason of the lack of sufficient illumination, and the Gas Commission should take this into account when they consider the matter.

The park is the nightly resort of thousands of poor people who live in the thickly populated districts thereabouts, and it is really the only breathing spot they have in that part of the city.

It is of the utmost importance that it should be made as safe and secure as possible, and that the staircases leading to it be properly lighted by night as East River Park.

Have the park lighted at once.

Pleased with Prompt Action.

On bringing THE EVENING WORLD's attention to the unlighted and otherwise neglected condition of East River Park in my letter of July 21 I did not anticipate such prompt and public-spirited action as THE EVENING WORLD has already taken in the matter.

Very frequent in doing public good, THE EVENING WORLD has shown a noble spirit in its efforts to bring about the improvement of the city.

It is a pleasure to me to see that the newspaper of the nation has been so successful in its efforts to bring about the improvement of the city.

THOMAS GILKES.

BREEZES GIVE US NEW LIFE.

New York's Blessed Relief from the Torrid Heat.

It Will Grow Cooler To-Day and To-Morrow, Say the Weather Sharps.

It was not enough early this morning to make the average Gothamite groan, when he remembered the predictions made by Sergt. Jeannotsky, and saw the mercury climbing up the tube as soon as Old Sol had risen above the housetops and begun to get in his work in earnest.

In anticipation of the hottest day of the season, the New York man abandoned all thoughts of boiled shirts and starched collars, and provided with a flannel shirt and an extra relay of handkerchiefs, he sallied forth prepared for the worst.

As things turned out, however, the dire prognostications failed to materialize, and before noon everybody agreed that matters might be much worse.

In fact Sergt. Jeannotsky took back water, so to speak. It was hot, there was no doubt about that; for long before noon the big thermometers at the street corners showed that the temperature was verging dangerously near the nineties.

The unexpected, however, had happened, and General Humidity, who is more to be feared than Old Sol himself, failed to come to the scratch with his customary regularity.

Yesterday he kept up his old and very successful game of "hot air," but this morning he would have made things melt with a percentage of about 85.

As it was, however, with only 79 per cent, at 8 o'clock, and with 11 his back-bone showed indications of imminent collapse, for the percentage had fallen off 14, and at latest accounts was still dropping.

Sergt. Jeannotsky explained this unexpected phenomenon as a result of yesterday's rain, which had cooled the air in the lake region, and not on the theory of the sudden arrival of the cold wave from the north-west.

The high barometer area in Dakota and Minnesota has extended only very slightly, and whether it will ever reach this part of the country is very doubtful. In any event it would take a week or more for it to travel the distance.

Another factor which contributed materially to diminish the unendurable heat of yesterday, was a stiff breeze from the southeast, which sprung up during the forenoon.

At 11 o'clock it was blowing from fourteen to sixteen miles an hour, and the gusts of the upper part of the big down-town office buildings got the full benefit of it.

While it wasn't a particularly cool breeze, it was lively enough to give untold relief to perspiring humanity, and the citizens of Gotham were correspondingly grateful.

"The temperature will probably not get above 86 or 87 degrees to-day," said Sergt. Jeannotsky, and the forecast I have made for the next twenty-four hours is for fair weather followed by local showers and cooler air.

"This is a very late prospect that the high percentage of humidity which has been the rule for the past week, and which has caused most of the discomfort, will go down to its proper level."

"I think to-morrow will be cooler than to-day, especially if the breeze which we are now enjoying holds out. It will continue all to-day at any rate."

The hottest places in the Atlantic States at 11 o'clock were New York, with a jump to 81 at 11 A. M.

The coolest places in the United States were Moscow, Minn., where the thermometer stood at 44, with 46 at St. Paul. It was comparatively cool in Chicago and all along the lakes.

Hot was reported at Cleveland, Onwego, Pittsburg and Havana, with a heavy fall at Atlanta, Ga., Nashville, Tenn., and Erie, Pa.

David Goldberg, aged fourteen years, of 77 Avenue C, was overcome by the heat at 87 William street, at 9:30 A. M. Chamberlain Street Hospital.

Jeremiah Smith, twenty-eight years old, of 366 Greenwich street, died at the Chambers Street Hospital from the effects of the heat.

John Nolan, thirty-five years old, overcome by the heat at 224 South street, was taken to Governor Hospital unconscious.

Cooler by Wednesday Morning.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The weather indications for Eastern New York: Increasing cloudiness and very warm; another shower followed by a hot day; weather by Wednesday morning.

The weather to-day, as indicated by Hinkley's tele-thermometer:

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